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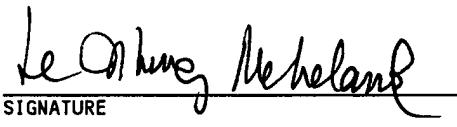
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		DATE: May 6, 1996
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLN. NO. (if known):
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.: PCT/JP95/01858	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE: September 18, 1995	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED: September 21, 1994
TITLE OF INVENTION: ULTRA HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT POLYETHYLENE MOLDED ARTICLE FOR ARTIFICIAL JOINTS AND METHOD OF PREPARING THE SAME		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: Suong-Hyu HYON and Masanori OKA		
Applicant hereby submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<p>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.</p> <p>5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)):</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).  b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau.  c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</p> <p>6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith  b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau.  c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.  d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</p> <p>9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</p>		
ITEMS 11. TO 16. BELOW CONCERN OTHER DOCUMENT(S) OR INFORMATION INCLUDED:		
<p>11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</p> <p>12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</p> <p>13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <b>FIRST</b> preliminary amendment.  <input type="checkbox"/> A <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> preliminary amendment</p> <p>14. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</p> <p>15. <input type="checkbox"/> A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.</p> <p>16. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: International Search Report.</p>		

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17. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:	<u>CALCULATIONS</u>	<u>PTO USE ONLY</u>
<b>Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5):</b> Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO:.....\$880.00		
International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482).....\$680.00		
No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)).....\$750.00		
Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO.....\$1,010.00		
International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4).....\$ 94.00		
<b>ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</b>	<b>\$ 880.00</b>	
<b>Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <u>20</u> <u>30</u> months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).</b>	<b>\$</b>	

CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
TOTAL	12 -20=	0	X \$ 22.00	\$
INDEPENDENT	2 - 3=	0	X \$ 78.00	\$
Multiple dependent claims(s) (if applicable)			+ \$250.00	\$ 250.00
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				<b>\$ 1,130.00</b>
Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity statement must also be filed. (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				\$
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				<b>1,130.00</b>
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <u>20</u> <u>30</u> months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				<b>1,130.00</b>
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). <b>\$40.00 per property +</b>				\$ 40.00
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				<b>\$ 1,170.00</b>
				Amount to be: refunded \$
				charged \$

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<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ <u>1,170.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed. (This paper is filed in triplicate)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 01-2340 in the amount of \$ <u>      </u> to cover the above fees. (A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.)</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed to request that the application be restored to pending status.</p> <p>Send All Correspondence To:</p> <p>ARMSTRONG, WESTERMAN, HATTORI MCLELAND &amp; NAUGHTON 1725 K Street, N.W. Suite 1000 Washington, D.C. 20006 (202) 659-2930</p> <p> _____ SIGNATURE</p> <p>Le-Nhung McLeland NAME</p> <p>31,541 REGISTRATION NUMBER</p>		